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Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449 and respectfully requests that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and made of record in the above-captioned application. Copies of the listed documents are attached.

Enclosed is related copending U.S. Application Serial No. 10/135,692, filed April 16, 2001. The references cited on the PTO 1449 were cited on the International Search Report for International Patent Application No. PCT/EP01/09857, to which U.S. Application Serial No. 10/135,692 claims priority. A copy of the Search Report is enclosed.

Enclosed are U.S. Patent Nos. 5,942,069 and 6,294,119, which correspond to Japanese Patent Document No. JP 09071112 and European Patent No. EP 0 925 903, respectively.

Also enclosed is U.S. Application Serial No. 09/645,097, which corresponds to International Patent Publication No. WO99/43506, cited on the International Search Report. In addition, the present application is an English language equivalent to cited French Patent No. FR 2785573.

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